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1. MINISTER OF COMMERCE MAHDAVI TOLD ME JUNE 7 THAT THE IRANIAN/NORTH KOREAN TRADE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED PRIOR TO THE TAKEOVER OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA BY COMMUNIST FORCES. THEREFORE THERE WAS LITTLE THE GOI COULD NOW DO TO BACK OUT. MAHDAVI PIONTED OUT AGAIN THAT ANY "ADVANCE PAYMENTS" WOULD BE MADE IN TWO/TRANCHES A WHOLE YEAR APART. EACH TRANCHES IS TO BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIC ITEMS WHICH IRAN NEEDS FROM NORTH KOREA.

2. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, AND NOT BEING ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE SHAH'S ATTENTION, I WENT OVER THE SAME GROUND WITH MINISTER OF COURT ALAM EVENING OF JUNE 8 AS I HAD WITH MAHDAVI PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL). ALAM WAS OBVIOUSLY UNINFORMED BUT TOOK MY REPRESENTATIONS ABOARD AND I BELIEVE WILL BE CERTAIN TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE SHAH. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS HE GETS BACK TO US.
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